

Wanderers Shoot Down The R.A.F.

Wycombe Wanderers 4, R.A.F. 1

THIS was a game for the connoisseur. Both sides played fast, man to man football, weaving patterns over the firm Loakes Park turf on Tuesday night.

A hat-trick by Paul Bates was interrupted by a good goal by Tony Horseman.

Two of Bates's goals were from penalty kicks—and he really showed how to take spot kicks.

The first he thumped low, just inside the left-hand post before the R.A.F. keeper Fairclough had dived. And the second he banged with equal precision inside the other post, sending poor old Fairclough the wrong way.

The first penalty was awarded in the 10th minute when Bates was tripped, and the second 24 minutes later for hands.

In the 37th minute Horseman gave Wanderers a 3-0 lead when he converted a good through pass from Samuels.

Before half-time full-back John Beck had his weekly shot which went just wide, and during the interval Barry Darvill made several changes in his side to give some reserves a game.

Maskell and Beck, who both played for the F.A. XI against London University on Wednesday night were relieved by Wells and Lewis; Faulkner came on at centre-half for Rundle, and little Stuart Thompson deputised for Roystone on the right flank.

All performed creditably against this useful-looking R.A.F. team, particularly Thompson whose running with the ball was a treat to watch.

A good through pass by Baker gave Bates his third goal, and five minutes before the end Long, the R.A.F. centre-forward, got a much deserved goal.